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In Application of:

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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

To The Commissioner for Patents:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2007. Claims 9, 11, 13, 15-20, 23, 40, 54, and 72 are allowed. Claims 1-3, 27-29, 33, 36, 38, 39, 41-43, 47, 50, 52, 53, 55-61, 63, 67, 69, and 71 are rejected. Claims 4-8, 30-32, 34, 35, 37, 44-46, 48, 49, 51, 64-66, 68, and 70 are objected to. Reconsideration of the above-captioned application is respectfully requested. Amendments are presented to place application in condition for allowance per CFR 37 CFR §1.116(b)(1).

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.